

**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Minutes of May 12, 2014**

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Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Judge Lloyd Carter (chair), Sam Benedict, Paul Decker, Antwayne Robertson. **Absent:** Brad Schimel, Dan Vrakas.

**Also Present:** Rebecca Luczaj, Joan Sternweis, Ron Frea, Windy Jicha, Eric Severson, Sarah Spaeth.

**Approve Minutes from March 10, 2014 Meeting**

Motion: Decker moved, Robertson second, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on June 18 Brown Bag Lunch Featuring Day Report Center Overview**

Luczaj said one of the ideas that was brainstormed at the last meeting to increase DRC enrollments was a brown bag lunch for judges, commissioners and attorneys. A brown bag lunch will be held at noon on June 18 in room A255 and to promote the DRC to judicial partners. Luczaj will have a flyer prepared this week for distribution. Benedict offered to send the flyer to attorneys in his organization's distribution list and share the flyer with the private bar association for additional distribution. Carter suggested putting flyers in/outside the courtrooms.

**Discuss & Consider CJCC Involvement in UW-Milwaukee/Temple University Grant Application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for "Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY14"**

Luczaj said if involvement is approved today, this will be UW-Milwaukee/Temple University's third attempt at applying for this grant. This year the professors will use suggestions and comments from past reviewers to fine tune their application which will focus on the DRC. UW-Milwaukee will be the primary on the project and Temple University the secondary. The grant application is due May 28, 2014. Four grant awards will be announced in September 2014 and three-year projects will begin on January 1, 2015. If awarded, Chair Decker has agreed to provide in-kind office space in the County Board office for the researcher who will evaluate the DRC to determine if the county is using an effective model.

Motion: Decker moved, Benedict second, to approve CJCC involvement in UW-Milwaukee/Temple University Grant Application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for "Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY14". Motion carried 4-0.

**Update on Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Follow-Up with National Institute of Corrections (NIC)**

Luczaj said at the last meeting, the committee approved pursuing short term-technical assistance from NIC and participating in the state EBDM initiative through NIC to conduct system mapping to identify decision points within the local criminal justice system and evaluate pretrial programs. Luczaj sent an email to NIC in March requesting technical assistance and later participated in a conference call with NIC to discuss the request. The NIC is impressed with our plan and approved Waukesha County's participation over the phone. Next, the NIC will send a letter verifying the phone conversation and include contact information for available consultants that Waukesha County can select to work on the project. The contractor will begin with a mapping exercise and expand from there.

Benedict said Waukesha County is well positioned with programs but does not know what to do next. The conversation with NIC mirrors what is going on in the county. Luczaj said this study will take the CJCC back to its roots. A project timeline will be scheduled with the contractor, CJCC members, and other stakeholders.

The committee agreed this was excellent news.

### **Update on Federal Drug Court Grant**

Probable No-Cost Extension

Additional Staff to Attend NADCP Conference

Enrollments

Luczaj said the federal grant officer approved use of DTC grant funding for registration and travel expenses for several members of the DTC staffing team to attend the NADCP conference in California in May. Luczaj is working with BJA to get a no-cost extension for the federal grant, which ends September 30, 2014, and approval to use the funds to send Judge Dorow, who is transitioning into DTC this year, to the national judges training in October 2014.

Luczaj said in the original DTC grant application, Waukesha County committed to serve a minimum of 75 clients. By the end of March, the program had served 60 participants. The federal grant officer feels strongly that the county resume enrollments with grant funding and sustain the program after grant funding ends. Luczaj received permission from DOJ to transfer participants to state TAD funding when federal grant funding ends. DTC will enroll an additional two to three participants per month into DTC under the federal grant program and four to five participants per month under the TAD grant until minimums are reached. Luczaj does not feel it will be difficult to fulfill enrollment requirements since the program has a wait list.

In response to Carter's question, Luczaj said enrollments will be cut off once 25 people are entered into the program with TAD funding. The program has two case managers: one is funded through the federal grant and the other through the state grant.

Benedict said heroin addiction is the number one health concern in southeastern Wisconsin at this time. Benedict hopes Waukesha County's executive leadership will decide to sustain the program. It is hard to successfully work this program knowing there is no stability or funding to sustain it. The need in Waukesha County is great.

Decker asked what services will be discontinued when grant funding ends? Benedict said technical assistance from the NIC will allow the CJCC to evaluate and identify the best performing programs. Carter said results of the evaluation will help the CJCC better prioritize resources. Benedict said legislative efforts are saving lives but not providing back stops.

### **Review Spring 2014 CJCC Newsletter**

Luczaj said the spring 2014 newsletter is devoted to National Drug Court Month and the heroin epidemic facing our community. Luczaj reviewed the articles and asked committee members to email significant edits to her this week so the newsletter could be released by the end of the month.

In response to Carter's question, Luczaj said WCS can monitor their website to see if drug court public service announcements increase donations.

Benedict said the Public Defenders' Office Information Director Randy Craft should be added to the newsletter distribution list. Craft will distribute the newsletter to the organizations distribution list. Decker offered to forward email address for the newsletter distribution list.

Robertson and Carter agreed the newsletter was nicely done.

### **Review Agenda Items for May 28, 2014 CJCC Meeting**

Luczaj will be attending the NADCP conference at the end of the month and unable to attend the CJCC meeting. She will ask committee members to provide updates in her stead.

### **Proposed Agenda Items**

- Juvenile Justice Committee update (Benedict will report)
- Vote on next chair of the CJCC (term end in May)
- Update on Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Follow-Up with National Institute of Corrections (NIC)
- CJCC Involvement in UW-Milwaukee/Temple University Grant Application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for "Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY14"
- Update on Federal Drug Court Grant

### **Next CJCC Meeting**

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m., room C179

### **Next CJCC Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m., room C179

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.